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City of Stanley Special Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2010

Mayor Mumford called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the Stanley Community Building.

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

Mayor Herb Mumford, Council President Steve Botti, Councilman Lem Sentz, Councilwoman Lauril Gadwa, Councilman Frank Juilliano, and City Clerk Erin Fisk.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Neil Anderson, Ellen Libertine, Gary Gadwa, Jolie Turek, Julie Rember, and Tim Cron.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

MAYOR COMMENTS/UPDATE:

October marks the beginning of our new 2011 Fiscal Year. By the end of the month we'll be able to see how we ended the 2010 fiscal year. The Stanley Community Building will be the site for voting for the November 2nd elections. Absentee ballot applications can be picked up at the city office. Councilwoman Gadwa says that she still needs people to work the elections. The hours would be from about 7:00am until 8:00-10:00pm. They do pay, but not very much. The Stanley School Parent's Association is having the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 31st at 5pm until 7:00pm. Look for posters up around town. The city will be issuing RFP's for replacing windows and doors, adding additional insulation, and having the building chinked. This is part of a grant the city received from the Office of Energy Resources to improve our energy efficiency in the building. It will be interesting to see what kind of responses and interest we get. The November council meeting needs to be re-scheduled because of Veteran's Day (the office is closed). Tuesday November 9th seems to work for everyone. Councilwoman Gadwa might not be able to make it because she has to be in Boise the day before. She's not completely sure on the date though.

PRESENTATION:

Tim Cron – Tim was here to represent the Chamber instead of Jared Hopkinson. They have hired an interim coordinator, Ellen Libertine. There were two candidates who applied. Everyone is happy to have Ellen on board and she is diving in head first. She is working on keeping the membership drive going and working on some winter stuff and grant ideas. Tim says that there are big shoes to fill in Greg's absence. With Greg leaving, the Chamber may be behind a little going into the winter. Ellen is very open to suggestions and ideas. Tim assumes there will be a fall meeting to brainstorm on marketing for the winter. Ellen thinks the meeting will be early November. Tim is not sure if it is just a board meeting or if members are also welcome, but he says the Chamber is pretty open right now. Ellen is looking at making some advertising changes next year and the Chamber is excited to take this next step. The Mayor says he is very pleased to see Ellen in this position. He also would like to address any Chamber issues at this point in the meeting while Tim is here. Councilman Juilliano expressed some concern over the surprise of the September 29 meeting. Tim says that was the meeting where Ellen was hired, but it was not open to membership. It was a board meeting only. They had the actual

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membership meeting earlier in September with breakfast from the Bakery. That meeting was where they discussed Greg's departure and worked on drumming up some new memberships. Ellen says that she is meeting with Greg next week to get up to speed on everything. Ellen and Jared have already been talking about a few things such as working on the foreign tourism market, making translations available on the website, etc. Ellen plans on talking to owners of the lodging establishments in the area about the foreign visitors they had this summer and then work on getting in touch with those country's tourism offices. The Mayor mentions the state and international tourism websites. Jolie Turek had some links to share that might be helpful. She says there is a lot of good info out there. The Chamber can work on pushing info out on the web through the state tourism sites. Tim also mentions that the Chamber office will be partially staffed this winter, which is a new thing. Dee will have the office open Thursday through Monday from 11:00am until 3:00pm. They are able to do this because they are splitting up the salary that Greg was getting paid between Dee for staffing the office and Ellen as interim coordinator. Right now a concern is getting the broken Community Building sign back up or working on some possible grant funding for a new sign. The Chamber needs to check to see if they have any grant funds left over to help with the sign. The city would definitely like to help with this and will work with the Chamber. A quick fix suggestion is to hang the old sign on the side of the Community Building until the pilings can be replaced in the old location. Councilman Juiliano is happy that Ellen is here and will be working with the Chamber. Frank suggested having the articles available where Stanley was written up so that people visiting could look at them and peruse them on the websites. He is still concerned over people not knowing that Stanley is "open" in the winter. He says a lot of people say that they were not aware that we did anything here in the winter. This is one of the reasons Ellen wants to take a look at the advertising and see if we can move some things around. Frank has also heard some complaints about the membership due structure with local versus non-local rates where the business in town are paying option tax and those outside are not. He suggests that they look at this and consider making some changes. Tim says that this subject has come up before and the Mayor has also heard this complaint before. The Mayor says this is a perennial complaint. The new membership "deal" of \$100 was only for brand new members to try to get more people involved, not returning members. Sun Valley did something similar this year. Jolie Turek suggested informing people about the significance of the membership drive to try to avoid the negative edge that comments seem to be taking on. If people know why it's being done, they may be less likely to complain. The Mayor gives the Chamber kudos for going after some different types of business. Councilman Juiliano would also like to have a list with contact info for all the board members. He asked Tim to send out an email with all this info. Tim lists the board members, but the city should have contact info for everybody. Frank also brings up the Chamber taking minutes. That idea was discussed but was shot down according to Tim. The Chamber has never found it necessary to take minutes. If you want to be involved, you show up to the meetings. Councilwoman Gadwa says that they can be very simple, just noting motions, etc. The Mayor says they should look into it though to make sure they are not overlooking a requirement. It will have to do with their tax status as an entity.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**COUNCIL COMMENTS:****COUNCIL ACTION ITEM LIST:** No current updates were provided.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilwoman Gadwa makes a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council President Botti 2nd; all approved; none opposed; motion passes. Councilman Juiliano asked about the Charlie Thompson/Riverwear parking lot issue that had come up in the minutes from the last meeting. The Mayor explains that he has spoken to Charlie about it and there should not be any issues. Councilwoman Gadwa asks to remind Charlie to remove his construction materials from the side of the Mountain Mama's shed in the Community Building parking area. They have made an effort to keep that area clean, so she would just like it mentioned next time the clerk sees Charlie.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Jeff Welker, Revise Building Permit #764 – There was some initial concern from Councilman Juiliano about Mr. Welker having started the project prior to obtaining the permit. It was explained that Mr. Welker already had a permit covering the work that was currently being done and that this was a revision to add another small shed roof over a door, which had not been started. Mr. Welker is in compliance. Councilwoman Gadwa makes a motion to approve the permit revision. Councilman Juiliano 2nd; all approved; none opposed; motion passes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: (Officer Pete Isner)

The city police officer was not in attendance. The Mayor asked that he be reminded of our meeting dates so that he can plan to attend.

STREETS AND ROADS: (Mayor Mumford)

Only one proposal was received for the winter streets and roads contract. The Mayor opens it and reads it aloud to the Council. The proposal was received from Cutler Excavation for \$125 per hour. That is the same proposal amount that he has submitted for the past few years. Councilwoman Gadwa makes a motion to accept the Cutler Excavation proposal. Councilman Juiliano 2nd; Council President Botti asks if there were any issues to address from last year. We discuss having the equipment operators fill out "driver logs" detailing the hours and type of work they were doing. We also discuss adding to the contract the removal of any gravel that inadvertently ends up in the Mountain Village lot adjacent to Wall Street, which was previously discussed. There shouldn't be any issues getting this done. Other than that, with the changes that were made to the contract last year, nothing else has come up as a concern. Councilman Juiliano asks about the feasibility of the city purchasing its own street maintenance equipment. The clerk says it would be great if the city could get a grant to purchase equipment. Frank then mentions Idaho Transportation Department surplus equipment that might/could be available. He was not sure on cost or any of that. Frank could find out more about this if we want. The Mayor mentions Federal Surplus, where equipment can be purchased, but there is still a cost. The Mayor calls for the vote. All approved; none opposed; motion passes. The Council wanted to discuss grant opportunities for placing light shields on the city street lights. Mayor Mumford explains that although the city is not currently interested in passing an ordinance on "dark skies" or dealing with light pollution, that does not prevent us from taking the initiative to preserve a little of the night skies. Council President Botti says that his wife, Vicki Lawson has offered to pursue a grant if the council wishes to move forward with this. It might not be that much money, but we don't have that many offensive lights in town and would be focusing on the city lights first. We would need to decide how many lights and which ones we would want to install shields on. The cost is around \$80 per shield. Taking this step supports moving forward. Gary Gadwa has spoken to the president of the Sawtooth

Society and he all but assured Gary that if he wrote something up they would pay for the shields for the city lights. Council President Botti says that the Sawtooth Society was who Vicki was going to talk to. Ellen asked about the different types of shades and the differing costs. The last time we discussed this, we were specifically focusing on shields for the street lights, which should be around \$80 a piece. Mayor Mumford is in favor of this as is the council. Gary Gadwa said that the Challis High School is interested in manufacturing shades. This info came from Ken Dizes with Salmon River Electric. Using the high school for this project would give them some funds and education. It is decided that the city will move forward in pursuing the grant. C.P. Botti will pass the decision along to Vicki.

CEMETERY: (Councilwoman Laurii Gadwa)

The initial survey of the cemetery went well. The total cost to the 3D scan is \$1771.00. This is very important to determine placement of current gravesites. Our records do not go back far enough to accurately determine where some of the more historical gravesites might be. We have pretty accurate records dating back to the 1970's or 80's but not before. The oldest gravesite is about 1916. Councilwoman Gadwa thinks we should move forward. This is also important to determine whether or not we have any space left to sell in the cemetery. Laurii would like to be able to have space to do some memorial and cremation plots. Laurii is looking to the Mayor and Council for permission to move ahead with this project. The city had budgeted for this. Councilman Juiliano makes the motion to approve the scan. Councilman Sentz 2nd; all approved; none opposed; motion passes. It might be spring before the scan can be done, depending on the weather. Laurii will contact the person who will be doing the scan. A contract will be written up for the city to review and sign. This same thing was just done in Hailey, but apparently the conditions at our cemetery are better.

CITY PARK:

COMMUNITY BUILDING: (Mayor Mumford)

The Stanley School Parent's Association asked to have the rental fee waived for the kid's Halloween party on October 31st. Councilman Juiliano makes a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Gadwa 2nd; all approved; none opposed; motion passes.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Groomer Committee: (Mayor Mumford/Gary Gadwa) – there will be a groomer committee meeting tomorrow evening at Bridge Street Grill. Exact time is not known. Laurii says to email Gary Gadwa about details.
- CEDA Report: (Mayor Mumford) – see insert in council packets. The next CEDA meeting will be October 21 at Noon in the Challis BLM office.
- Gem Committee: (Charlie Thompson) – the Mayor would like to have Charlie attend the next meeting in November to give the council an update.
- Chamber of Commerce: (Greg Edson) – This was dealt with earlier in the meeting.
- Code Review: (Council President Botti) – C.P. Botti has drafted an omnibus ordinance incorporating all the minor changes and corrections we have

previously discussed. This is ready to be sent to the attorneys for review. There are about 26 different items included in the omnibus. They are all considered minor and should be non-controversial. He would like to see us pursue this quickly if we get the green light from our attorneys. They we could begin to focus on the bigger issues. Steve would also like to schedule a town hall meeting sometime in November to gauge the public's interest in other issues. The Mayor supports moving forward. The city would need to schedule a public hearing in order to pass the ordinance and then hold a town hall meeting to discuss some of the more "controversial" issues. The clerk will send the ordinance draft to the attorney. The Mayor and council would like to try to have the hearing to pass the ordinance during the November meeting. The clerk is not hopeful that they will be able to make that date – the attorney has to complete the review in time to post notice in the paper at least 14 days prior to the meeting date. She thinks December is more realistic. The Mayor says that if they don't make that date, so be it, but they'd like to try. The Council would like to schedule the town hall meeting sometime around the end of November or first week of December. This will be to gauge the community's feelings and gather input on what our priorities for code review might be. A quorum is not necessary for a town hall meeting. The council decides to hold the town hall meeting on Tuesday, November 30 at 5:00pm. If there are not enough people able to attend, another meeting can be scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mountain Village – Councilman Juiliano (Frank) wanted to discuss how to open up communications with the Stanharrah Corporation regarding the future and current plans for Mountain Village. Neil Anderson was on hand for the discussion. Frank sent out an email to realtors, investors, and other people he knows in an attempt to drum up some interest in the sale of Mtn. Village. He feels that if Mountain Village goes down, the city will go down. Neil says that people have been looking at the resort, but no one has been willing to take the leap in this economy. Mountain Village wants to do whatever they can to stay afloat and the city wants to help in any way they can. Frank said that a realtor that he talked to said that developing the hot springs would be huge. Neil says that they have looked into it but it is not feasible due to all the restrictions that would go along with it. He also says that Mtn. Village did a geothermal feasibility study a few years ago; the pay-off on something like this would take a long time. As far as grants go, Neil says that the board of directors believes that there is no such thing as free money. If we're using it up here, someone is suffering somewhere else. Frank says the bottom line is to get people here in Stanley! Mountain Village is working with several magazines and doing other advertising as well. It is Mountain Village itself, Neil and Charlene Cvecich who do the advertising. Stanharrah as a corporation is not involved. Councilwoman Gadwa notes a time in the 80's when Mountain Village pretty much closed down. Stanley survived and Mountain Village ended up opening again. Neil says Mountain Village does not want to close, but they have to scale back to save money. If they get an influx of people, they will open and/or re-extend their hours. Frank thanks Neil for all the help and effort Mountain Village put in to the Winterfest and sled dog event last winter. Neil in turn says they couldn't have done it without the Mayor. Julie Rember had to leave the meeting, but she said the library looks forward to discussing the potential lease agreement for the new library space next month with the council and Mayor. They will be discussing the draft document at their board

meeting next Thursday morning at 10:00am. Mayor Mumford asks the clerk to email the draft document out to the council members to review as well. Although the clerk has already sent the document to the attorney's to be reviewed, she has not heard back from them yet.

Councilman Juiliano had also wanted to discuss the possibility of hiring a grant writer for the city. Councilman Sentz has a friend whose sister is a professional grant writer. She lives in Pennsylvania so he's not sure if she is certified for Idaho. The big question is how much would she charge the city? Councilwoman Gadwa points out that even if the city is awarded a grant, a lot of them require matching money, which we may or may not have available. She also says we should be careful that when we apply for a grant that it is something that we need right now and not something we are just dreaming of having. We also may or may not be able to pay the grant writer out of the grant itself. Some writers require a fee; some get paid on a % of the grant received. Jolie Turek might be able to help us out with this. She does not think that our area has the funding available to hire a full time grant writer. She keeps a list of the things area cities are looking for in grants in case something comes up. Working for CEDA, she could help us look for and find grants to cover our projects. She points out that some grants require that the writer be certified in Idaho and she also discusses the different ways that grant writers can get paid. Jolie feels grant writing is better done on a case to case basis. Some grants are quite simple and others are more in depth. Councilman Juiliano says that Hailey has a grant writer and he has a call into her. He has some questions to ask her about how she gets paid, etc. Jolie points out the difference between Stanley and Ketchum/Hailey area that have a lot more option tax money to work with. She is definitely concerned about how to fund a position like that. She suggests contracting with her on a case to case basis. She says there are a lot of people out there that can write grants and she has even offered classes to learn how to write grants and get certified. It is also very competitive and there is a great possibility that we wouldn't even get the grant we were going for. The entire process, finding a grant, applying, being awarded or not being awarded the grant, is a lot more complicated than it initially appears. Everybody thinks that Frank should still go forward with his meeting with the Hailey grant writer. It's always worth gathering more information and knowledge.

CITY CLERK REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Erin Fisk)

The office will be closed Thursday October 14 and Monday October 18 as well as November 11 for Veteran's Day.

OPTION TAX REPORT: (City Clerk/Treasurer Erin Fisk)

September's option tax still is not in yet, but overall the amounts for the fiscal year are looking pretty good.

TREASURER REPORT:

State Investment Pool, Check Register, and Accounts Receivable reports were provided to the Council and Mayor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session was necessary tonight, although it was listed on the agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY: (Paul Fitzer, Stephanie Bonney, Carl Withroe)

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Mumford adjourned the City Council meeting at approximately 8:05pm.

H.W. Mumford
Herb Mumford, Mayor

ATTEST: Erin Fisk
Erin Fisk, City Clerk



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